

CONCLUSION

The claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is requested.

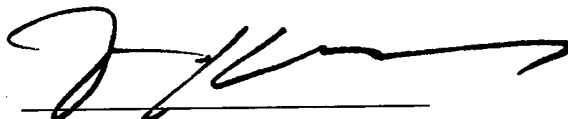
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-220-4200 to discuss any matters regarding this application.

The Office is authorized to charge the fee for a Petition for an Extension of time and any other fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 and credit any overpayment to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,
KENYON & KENYON

Date:

July 2, 2003

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

25. (Amended) A reagent kit for amplifying nucleic acid, which comprises 2 kinds of primers, each of the primers being complementary to a DNA extension product of the other primer; dNTP; the thermostable DNA polymerase of [any one of claims 1-12] claim 1; divalent ion(s); monovalent ion(s); and a buffer solution.